
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4404

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1 WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature passes laws that govern
2 agriculture, fish and wildlife, and the ownership and use of animals
3 within the state; and
4 WHEREAS, Those laws should promote public understanding of, and
5 appreciation for, the wise use of domestic animals, fish and wildlife
6 for scientific purposes, economic benefit, service, enjoyment, and
7 companionship; and
8 WHEREAS, The state is responsible for wildlife management and sport
9 regulation, ensuring the health and safety of the public, and ensuring
10 the health and benefit of wildlife; and
11 WHEREAS, The responsible breeding and care of all fish and animals
12 is essential to the efficient and profitable production of food, fiber,
13 and other animal uses and products; and
14 WHEREAS, The protection of those engaging in animal enterprise is
15 essential to the intrinsic interdependence of humans and animals and to
16 the personal and public benefit of that relationship; and
17 WHEREAS, The use of scientific and ecological principles is
18 essential to conserving and managing wildlife and wildlife habitats in
19 a manner that fosters long-term survival and a balance between wild and
20 domestic animals; and

1 WHEREAS, Research utilizing animals is necessary to ensure the
2 effective medical treatment of humans and animals;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
4 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
5 supports properly researched and industry tested livestock practices
6 and accepted animal husbandry practices that promote proper animal care
7 and provide consumers with wholesome food, a choice of fiber products,
8 and animals for service, sport, and companionship; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That those practices should include:

10 (1) The promotion and protection of public safety and health;

11 (2) Compliance with and enforcement of wildlife laws;

12 (3) Compliance with accepted animal husbandry standards for animal
13 health and the management of livestock and companion animals;

14 (4) The use of transportation and handling facilities that provide
15 for livestock health and safety;

16 (5) Consultation with licensed veterinarians and industry experts
17 concerning livestock health needs, livestock health care practices, and
18 the use of livestock health products; and

19 (6) The protection of individuals and public or private entities
20 that engage in animal enterprises and adhere to properly researched and
21 industry tested livestock practices and accepted animal husbandry
22 practices; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature supports:

24 (1) Public and private education programs that present the facts of
25 animal production, use, service, and companionship to the general
26 public;

27 (2) Research that improves scientific knowledge, human and animal
28 health and productivity and the quality of animal products, and the
29 development of practical methods for implementing the findings of that
30 research; and

31 (3) Wildlife management practices, based on scientific research,
32 that ensure the security of healthy, viable wildlife populations so
33 that those populations can be properly used and enjoyed by present and
34 future generations; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature shall support and
36 preserve:

37 (1) Lawful animal practices that increase public awareness of
38 animals and the importance of animals in modern life as sources of
39 food, fiber, scientific knowledge, service, and companionship; and

1 (2) Efforts to protect domestic animal, wildlife, and fish
2 populations by prohibiting transactions involving threatened or
3 endangered species without a valid government permit, introductions of
4 fish and wildlife that are contradicted by wildlife rules and laws and
5 offenses committed against animals, and by encouraging the responsible
6 placement by shelters of companion animals into appropriate adoptive
7 homes; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature opposes:

9 (1) The expenditure of public funds to promote animal rights and
10 the use of educational materials in public schools that discourage the
11 use and enjoyment of animals and animal products; and

12 (2) Legislation and rules that would prohibit or unduly restrict
13 the use of animals in research or for food, fiber, or service or
14 restrict the responsible breeding and sale of animals as pets or
15 companions or for hobby, lawful sport, display, or exhibition.

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